. . KANSAS.

Any woman is worth her weight in

gold-so she tlinks.

An egotist is a man who thinks himself better than his neighbors.

Many a man would have a better wife if he wasn't such a poor hus- ford himself." hand.

A man can accomplish things at 20 at 40.

If people could only get rid of their imaginary troubles they would be fairly happy.

Just at the moment when the righteous are in the greatest despair aid is close at hand.

Man needs truth and consolation: but the truth may not be consoling, nor the consoling true,

You can learn more about a man in ten minutes after it is too late than

you could in ten years before. The happening of the unexpected

never worries people who are not prepared for anything in particular. Senator Depew is an active member in twenty-five clubs, the United States

senate, and eighty-two other corpora-

A New York man claims to have been driven into insanity by his own eyes: humor. The prevailing inclination is to shift the responsibility for such mis-

fortunes. The woman who thinks she is marrying a novelist's hero and the man who thinks he is marrying a wingless angel invariably discover that

marriage is a failure. The most deplorable thing in connect the voice that replied. tion with our present day congressional verbosity is the fact that it don't you think voice always sounds a comes largely from young men who little strange in the telephone?" ought to know better.

No less than 1,000 producers of verse entered a recent poetic competition. This is the utilitarian age more from the lack of a Tennyson than from a deficiency in the number of aspir-

Kuang-Hsu, the unhappy young Chinese emperor, still lives. In view of the expense attendant upon royal funerals it is quite possible that the empress dowager decided not to kill him until after the spring taxes had been collected.

The bridge of boats which now forms the only means of crossing the Bosphorus is entirely insufficient to meet the demands and it is suggested to build a tubular tunnel from shore to shore, so that traffic may go on without interruption. Because of the lack of a suitable foundation, this tube must be suspended or floated below the surface of the water. The scheme sounds somewhat impracticable, but it is being seriously considered.

It may be noted that while the professors are disputing as to the commercial utility of liquid air as a power, the main engine work of the world is still done by steam. Electricity came what sadly, "I'm not acquainted in the long before liquid air. It has been city. I haven't much use for a teleput to commercial uses for twenty years, and immense advances have vention. I enjoy it very much when been made in its production and appli- you call me up in the morning. I cation. Yet the extent to which it can see what a great convenience it has actually superseded steam as an would be if I wanted to ask anything applied power is really trivial-and of anybody." there is a steam engine behind every current of electricity that is put to the voice that Miss Nelson made an commercial uses. Within a few special apology to herself for the tears that lines electricity is practicable as an came in her eyes. agency for distributing the power It was a monotonous life that she originally generated in a steam engine; led. It had not much happiness in it, but the day when steam shall cease and no romance. So it was not surto be the driving power of the world prising that she endeavored to probe seems to be as far off as ever.

An intelligent master-printer is quoted as saying to the men of his own George Whitman Rumford to make an trade, "Whether we wish for it or not, inquiry about a fictitious address. The the eight-hour day is bound to come; and instead of wasting our strength in elegant, and plain, and the yard, the vain resistance, we shall find it wiser walk, and the steps were in a condito consider how we can adjust our busi- tion of scrupulous neatness. A young ness to the inevitable change." With- colored man answered the door. Miss out accepting or rejecting this prophesy, we may say with truth that the her inquiry in a loud tone of voice. As present agitation seems to follow in she had hoped and expected, this enough, there are no hotels in Mothe track of the movement of sixty brought an elderly gentleman out of years ago, which reduced the working day from twelve or more hours to ten. It is urged by the same reasons; it is met by the same objections; it wins madam?" by the same zigzag advances. In eight states there has already been friendly legislation; in Boston and Worcester it has been approved by popular suffrage as a standard for all city employes. It is for the interest of both capital and labor that so serious a change should be made-if it is to be made at all-with the least possible I will send John out to make indisturbance to business.

"awful" was appropriately applied to my friends, I think. It is evidently a revolt. In the earliest revolt known many things describing pain or beauty mistake. It is sometimes hard to lo- to history, when the Persians rose or skill. English usage, however, would cate one's friends in a city like this." practically eliminate the word from youthful lips. Tennyson once read a tunately, I have no friends here." new poem to his guests, the Dufferins. The daughter, a girl of fifteen, cried out enthusiastically, "How awfully pretty!" upon which Tennyson put his but I thought I would like to see what hand on her shoulder and said, "My life in the city was like." dear child, do not use that dreadful word." In a voice of deep compunction she exclaimed, "Oh, I am awfully sorry!" to the amusement of all.

Lord Salisbury's remarks to Parliament that "We must join together and and looked at it, and he admired it confederacy in 1315. exercise all our powers in extricating much." ourselves from a situation full of humiliation and not free from danger." The time for making light of the task in hand has evidently passed.

New York's canal commission, backed by Gov. Roosevelt, recommend the deepening of the Erie canal to ten feet, plained Mr. Rumford. "I dare say a body and the first right-handed moan improvement that will cost the lady can discover many deficiencies in tions, tending to help out speech. As state \$62,000,000. The question will be it, and I should be glad of suggessubmitted to voters at the next elec- tions."

SIX NINETY-SIX. MAIN

"It's strange," said a blue-eyed "centhere is no further communication with the house day in and day out."

"Who answers when you call?" inquired the girl with the gray-green "A man. His voice sounds as though

he were old. I suppose it is Mr. Rum-"Rumford, you say?"

"George Whitman Rumford. That's his whole name. I looked him up in that he would be ashamed to attempt the city directory. No place of business is given. There is no occupation mentioned in connection with his name."

"My goodness, he is a mystery!" cried the girl with the gray-green eyes. Have you tested the wires yet this morning?" "No."

"Let me try it then." She rang up briskly. A voice answered:

"Good morning." "Testing the wire," responded "Cen-

tral" cheerfully. "The wire responds," said the voice. The gray-eyed "Central" turned to the blue-eyed "Central."

"No one ever answered me that way before," she observed. "He said: 'The wire responds."

"Yes, he always says that. It seems a sensible thing to say, but it sounds curious. I think he doesn't know what people are in the habit of saying over the telephone."

The weeks went by. From time to time the girl with gray eyes would say to Lida Nelson, the girl with blue

"Has 696 been called yet?" "Never," said Miss Nelson, "but the

wire still responds." One day Miss Nelson, against all rules and regulations, attempted a diversion.

"It is an electrical sort of a morning," she observed. "It makes the voice sound unnatural over the wire." There was an accent of eagerness in

"It does, indeed," observed 696; "but

Miss Nelson was quite aware that she had no right to continue the con-



"I'M OBLIGED TO YOU FOR COM-

ING IN." osity in check for months in the face of a mystery, and she could endure it no longer.

"You do not use your 'phone much." she said politely. "No, no," responded the voice, some-

phone, it is true. But it's a great in-

There was something so wistful in

this, her first mystery. She took the pains one Sunday afternoon when she was at leisure to call at the house of house was new, and of red sandstone, Nelson, blushing at her deceit, made the library.

"What is it the lady wants to know, John? Can I be of any assistance, Miss Nelson, hating herself for her

duplicity, repeated the question. The tall gentleman shook his head

regretfully. "I really can be of no assistance to you," he said. "I know so few persons in the neighborhood. But if you will do me the honor to come in and wait quiries."

"Oh, no, no," protested Miss Nelson. The Greek word corresponding to "I shall have to give up trying to find "It is, indeed, I suppose. Unfor-

"No; I have recently come here. I have always lived in a little town.

"Yes." "I have built this house. Won't you step in a moment and look at it? I man kindly stepped in the other day

Miss Nelson hesitated between prudence and amiability, and then, casting selfish caution to the winds, she went in. A prim, expensive, exquisinterior met her view.

"I had to do it quite alone," ex-

the boulevard," said Miss Nelson.

"Oh, very, very! So many people go by. I would like to ask some of tral" to a "central" with gray-green | them in, at times, but they might think eyes, "that no one ever calls up 696 on it strange. I'm much obliged to you this circuit. The 'phone has been in for coming in. It has made a very three or four months now, and I test | agreeable break in the day. I'm a litthe wire regularly every morning, but | tle solitary, you know. If it were not for John I should be quite dull."

Miss Nelson was moved to shake hands in saying farewell, and the hand that took her's was unexpectedly hard with ancient callouses. She could not make the man out. He was more of a

mystery than ever. She got in the way, after this, of adding some little word over the 'phone, after the daily test of the wires, and finally she confessed that it was she who had called. Mr. George Whitman Rumford was greatly pleased at this. He laughed and chatted about it till Miss Nelson was obliged to ring off. He wanted to send her a little gift, but she refused-very gently-to receive it. He asked to take her to church Sunday evening, but she felt it to be best to refuse that courtesy, too. He inquired whether he might not call for her and escort her home. But she did not accord him the permission. He took these rebuffs sadly. One morning there was no response when she rang the bell, and after many trials she made out that John was making futile attempts to be heard. It was John who mumbled over the wires for four successive mornings.

Miss Nelson grew anxious, and called personally at the house. John came to the door, weeping.

"Mistah Rumfo'd he pass 'way dis moh'nin', ma'am. He ask me ovah and ovah las' night, did you tes' the wiahs yet. He mighty fon' ob answering the 'phone, Mistah Rumfo'd." Lida Nelson suffered a pang such as

she had never felt before. It was re-

morse. She went into the room where the undertaker and his assistants were, having just finished their sorry task, and she looked with penitence at the

white face of the loneliest man she had ever known. "I ought to have had less propriety and more humanity," she said to her-

It was Miss Nelson, John, two or three of the neighbors, and Mr. Rumford's man of business who followed the black coffin to the place of the dead.

And the next week Miss Nelson had all the mystery solved. The man of business brought her a manuscript. It was written for her by the dead man, and it contained a simple story of a man whose money had brought him only isolation. With the manuscript was a gift.

"When you receive this," the donor had written, "I shall be where you cannot return it to me."

"My contemptible, selfish propriety!" sobbed Lida Nelson. "My cowardly discretion! It's the biggest chance I ever had for giving happiness, and I missed it. I let it go."

She was glad when her circuit was changed, so that she would have no further occasion to ring up Six-ninetysix, Main."-Chicago Tribune.

AMERICANS AT MONTE CARLO. irls Were Somewhat Criticised for

Going About Alone. "The first Americans have arrived," writes a resident at Monte Carlo to the New York Commercial Advertiser. "It is expected that an unusually large number of them will visit the Riviera this winter. The hotels have made every preparation for the hoped-for guests. In the meanwhile the Russians, Austrians and especially the Germans, are arriving in number every day now and they will insure a fairly successful season. During the last week of December a party of young American ladies arrived. They were chaperoned by a somewhat elderly lady, and, having disembarked at Genoa, came here to pass their Christmas. They attracted much attention. Some persons thought them overbold to go about thus without male attendants, but admired them for having the courage to do so-all the more as the young women paid no attention to people about them. The party has left for Milan, Florence, Rome and Naples and will be in Paris in March. The impression is general that one cannot live cheaply in Monte Carlo. This is a mistake. There are hotels, well furnished and well kept, where a person may live en pension for \$2.50 a day. The cuisine is good, the wines also, and the hotels are comfortable. I may add that several of these cheaper hotels have an outlook over the Monaco bay and the Mediterranean, Curiously naco proper-I mean the rock upon which stands the palace of the prince. The position is admirable and a large hotel in Monaco would be a great success undoubtedly, but the trouble is the prince would not consent to having a hotel upon the rock. In all the principality the will of the prince is paramount and even the making of alterations in any building or the erection of a new building depends upon the consent of his serene highness."

Royal and national colors vary with nations and times, but since Cain slew Abel blood-red has been the sign of against their king 4,000 years ago, they were led by a blood-red banner, and during the riots which took place in were followed by the mob. A bloodred flag waved over Bunker hill when the Americans fought for liberty, and it was the emblem of the German peasants in their great uprisings in

1424, 1492 and 1525. Blood-red was

the color of the trade union flags dur-

The Blood Red Banner.

Why People Are Righthanded. A professor who has made a study of children says he has discovered why the majority of people are rightthey begin to speak. The motor speech function controls the right side of the speech grows so grows right-handed-

"You must find it pleasant living on MORPHINE BEAT THE DEAL BOX Young Gambler Persuaded to

While He Was a Winner

"I see gambling is running wide open in Colorado again," said Walter Harris, a cattleman of Topeka to Denver Republican reporter. "I don't suppose, though, it is as wide open now as it was in the late '80s. I was in Manitou every summer at that time and the high games that used to run at some of the clubs would be an eyeopener to the gamblers of the present day. Cattlemen were making money then, as were the miners, and they used to meet in Manitou and try for each other's pocketbooks, with the result that the professional gamblers got years. the money. I remember how one young fellow was made to quit winner against his will. His name was Rich. He was a nephew of one of the big reaper men and his folks kept him supplied with money, a regular allowance. He had been gambling every cent of it, letting bills pile up for hotel and livery and everything else. His people sent word that they wouldn't send any more money, and said if he got into trouble he'd have to get out himself. His creditors were just about ready to jump onto him, when one night he made a big winning. He was playing faro in the club that's tora down now. It used to stand over from the depot and was the place for high play. I suppose he had \$4,000 or \$5,000 in front of him when his friends began trying to persuade him to quit. He was just like all the rest of them, going to break the bank and all that sort of thing, and he wouldn't quit. It was a red hot night for Manitou, and with the excitement and all Rich had pulled off his coat and rolled up his sleeves. There was a doctor among his friends, and though he hadn't said anything to Rich, I suppose he felt a responsibility, because the young fellow had come out here for his health and had been referred to the Manitou doctor by the doctor he had at home. I was watching the play, though I didn't know any of the people. I saw the doctor turn his back to the crowd for a minute and fiddle with something he had taken out of his pocket. Then he walked over to Rich and put his hand on his bare arm. 'You need a sedative,' he said. Quick as a flash he took the hypodermic syringe he had in his hand and fired a charge into Rich's arm. Rich said 'ouch,' and grabbed at the place where he had been pricked, but the deal was going on, and he turned to that again. Before half the cards were out his head settled on the table, he commenced to draw good long breaths and was asleep. The doctor took the chips, cashed them in, then he took and wrote a receipt for the money and gave it to another friend of Rich's to keep. Then he took Rich, loaded him into a carriage, took him out to his office, and watched over him until he came around the next day. Rich paid his bills, but he did no more gambling in Manitou. They wouldn't let him play again."

GIRLS USE COLLEGE SLANG. me of Their Expressions Would To-

tally Upset Their Elders. Miss Mary Charlotte Crothers, 1901, Crothers, Pa., read a paper on "College Slang" recently, says the Baltimore Sun, in which she said: "Any one who has been to Annapolis has heard the remark that a certain cadet 'bilged because he gauged;' and who would guess the sentence translated runs 'the cadet was expelled because he cheated.' You would be puzzled if told that Cadet Brown was 'ratey,' and so could go out in town after the 'femme' he was to 'drag' to the hop; but it means only that he has privileges which enable him to go out of the yard for the girl he is to escort to the ball. At West Point a modest little maiden was greatly startled by a cadet's asking her to 'spoon' with him the next day at 4:30. She drew herself up haughtily and was about to administer a rebuke when the youth hastened to explain that at West Point 'to spoon' meant to take a girl walking. At Wesleyan the boys call the co-eds 'quail,' and their dormitory the 'quailroost.' But if we have no slang peculiar to our own college, we cannot flatter ourselves that we are free from the evil, for any one who spends a half day within our sacred portals will hear an appalling amount of the jargon issuing from the lips of our stately upper classmen. I don't think a girl has much right to set down as rough and unpolished a poor little freshman's English when her own vocabulary consists in the main of such expressions as 'bone,' 'dig,' 'pull," 'cram,' 'grind,' 'tacky,.' 'waddy,' 'woolly,' 'simply great,' 'perfectly gorgeous,' 'proud to death,' 'I care for that,' 'forget it,' 'how ghastly,' 'fustie,' 'flendish,' 'flerce,' and 'that girl looks like a peanut.' The freshman soon adds to her list all our slangish abbreviations as 'sym.,' 'chem.,' 'psych.,' 'soch,,' 'quiz.,' 'lab.,' and 'math.' These belong strictly to a college, and until she is fully versed in the lore, she doesn't feel able to converse on equal

ground with an upper classman." First Row in Paradise. A Russian correspondent sends us details of a very interesting and amusing tale told by a Russian veterinary surgeon who was sent into the Ural district to buy horses and hay for the peasants of the famine-stricken provinces. He had to do mostly with the natives (kirghis), who are half-savage, but who, nevertheless, were found to Paris the men in the blood-red cans be extremely honest and absolutely trustworthy in all buying and selling, some of them even offering to give horses for the starving peasants. Quite a different story has the surgeon to tell of the Ural Cossacks, who did their level best to cheat him in the most barefaced manner, and on whom no take great pleasure out of it. The post- ing the middle ages, and it formed the reliance was to be placed. And yet background of the emblem of the Swiss these Cossacks are very religious and so simple in certain respects that a swindler succeeded in selling them quite a number of tickets for-paradise. The veterinary surgeon saw several of these tickets, which were marked "First rows," and sold for 25 itely neat, and altogether unhomelike handed. Infants use both hands until rubles, back seats bringing considerably less.-Commercial intelligence.

> Puzzling. Daisy Medders (sentimentally)-Tell Ame, Abner, why do you love me so much? Abner Appledry (practically) -Darned if I know.

A MINNESOTA FARMER

WRITES OF WESTERN CANADA WHERE HE IS NOW LOCATED.

The Farms in His Neighborhood Are Being Rapidly Taken Up by Former Residents of the United States.

The following extracts from a letter written to Mr. Benj. Davies, Canadian government agent at St. Paul. Minn. give an excellent idea of what is said of Western Canada by those who have gone there during the past two or three

"When we first arrived here and took up our homes on the prairie near Dalesboro, Assa., for a short time we had a fit of the 'blues,' but now all hands are settled to business, hale, hearty and contented, enjoying the finest winter we have ever seen. We have got very comfortably situated, with considerable preparations for a crop, and all hopeful. I think this is a very fine country, and if the past season's crop is not an exception, which they claim not, I believe this is going to be the wheat field of the West. It is filling up fast. In this township last spring there were 25 quarter-sections of land vacant and today there is not one. I can stand at my house and count ten houses where there was not one last spring, with six more to go up this spring. This is only a sample of what is going on all round. We intend to bulld a church next summer, right close to my place, so we will be strictly in line. It would have amused you to have been here last spring. There were crowds of land-seekers, and sometimes in the spring the prairie is not very inviting, and of course lots were discontented. There was one in the crowd who jumped on me for putting a letter in the paper, only for which he never would have come here, and he was very hostile, but eventually he got a place and today claims he would not take a thousand dollars and move out, so I am glad he is satisfied.

"Well, my dear sir, as Arthur Finney is about to move out in March. with his family, and also one of my sons, anything you can do for them to assist them along and to make things smooth as possible, will be greatly appreciated by me. I will close for this time, and will write from time to time to let you know we are living. Drop us a few lines to let us know how things are moving in St. Paul. "Yours Respectfully,

"ALEX. CAMERON."

Wood Tar Made as in 400 B. C. Men have improved upon ancient methods of doing many things, but wood tar is prepared just as it was in the fourth century B. C. A bank is chosen and a hole dug, into which the wood is placed, covered with turf. A fire is lighted underneath, and the tar slowly drips into the barrels placed to receive it.

THE Pleasantest, most powerful, effective opportunity for self-improvement that cubator required forty-one days of Rheumatism Sciatica. Neuralgia.

DROPS LA GRIPPE and CATARRH!

If all knew what thousands know of the efficacy of "5 DROPS" as a Curative as well as a Preventive of any Ache or Pain known to the human body, there would not be a family in all America without a bottle of "5 DROPS!" Send for trial bottle, 25c, or large bottle, containing 300 doses, \$1.00, 6 bottles for \$5.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 160-164 E. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. Duty on a Mouse. Uncle Sam is a stern stickler for form, and the amount of red tape employed in the custom house is really remarkable. It was demonstrated the other day that not even a tiny mouse can creep into our domains from foreign shores without paying duty, says the Philadelphia Record. A gentleman returning from Europe brought with him a pet white mouse, of which he had grown very fond. His "mouselets" was assessed at 20 per cent., which so enraged its owner that he vigorously protested. The case was appealed, and the board of classification of the board of general appraisers, after mature deliberation in solemn conclave, handed down a decision in which the protest was overruled.

Swords May Be Abolished. The suggestion of substituting a Martini-Metford carbine for the sword | duel." In a darkened room the two an officer usually carries is being largely discussed in military circles. The that he who drew the black ball would objection against the sword is that, when marching through hilly country, it hampers an officer's movements in getting over rough ground, while a stick, thus being a great help and sup-

Names of Denmark's Kings. Denmark's kings for 384 years have all been named Christian or Frederick, This is not the result of accident. It is the law of Denmark that Christian must be succeeded by Frederick and Frederick by Christian. To attain this, and without the changing of names, in case of death or other reason, every Danish prince, no matter what other names he may receive, always includes Christian and Frederick among them.

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1900 There is every good reason why St. Jacobs Oil

> RHEUMATISM **NEURALGIA** LUMBAGO SCIATICA

for the rest of the century. One paramount reason is—it does cure, SURELY AND PROMPTLY



TERRIFIC FIGHT WITH DEER. Infuriated Buck Nearly Kills a Woman

and Her Son. Mrs. D. P. Thompson of Portland, Ore., and her son Ralph had a terrific encounter with an infuriated deer a few days ago at Mr. Thompson's farm, near Vancouver, during which both were painfully injured. Mr. Thompson keens on his farm a number of deer and other animals, inclosed in a fifteen-acre park. The deer that made the ferocious attack is a large 5-yearold buck, and until a few weeks ago was as docile as a lamb. Ralph Thompson is living on the farm with the man who cares for the place. Mrs. Thompson visited the place and walked through the park, accompanied by Ralph. On their return to the house they noticed that this large buck had escaped from the park and was with some cattle and goats in an adjoining field. Ralph went back to close the gate, and in his absence the deer made a fierce attack on Mrs. Thompson. He struck her in the chest with his horns and then jumped on her with his feet. By that time Ralph came back and seized the brute by the horns. The deer wrenched loose and made a lunge at the young man's head, one branch of his antlers going on each side of his face. Ralph was able to hold him for a few minutes only, when he made another attack on Mrs. Thompson. Finally the young man got both arms and legs around the deer's neck and was able to hold on, but the now frenzied buck was cutting his legs with his hoofs in a frightful manner. Ralph told his mother to run for her life. Mrs. Thompson ran to the house, only to find the man away. She then went, still running, to the home of Mr. Story, a half mile away, for help. Mr. Story came to the rescue as quickly as possible with a gun, but in the meantime Ralph had escaped to the barn. After a life and death struggle between Ralph Thompson and the deer had gone on for about twenty minutes, the cows in the field had gathered around. and the deer made an attack on them. This allowed the young man to escape, and to this fact he probably owes

MANY SAWS ARE MISLEADING. Proverbs in Common Use That Are the

Reverse of Truthful.

A great many proverbs glibly quoted would be much more useful to humanity if amplified or revised. For instance, the old one, "Take no thought for the morrow," etc., is habitually misconstrued. The meaning of it is, "Have such a hustle on you looking after your interests today that you have no time to think about tomorrow." The glib quotationists go on and refer to the passage, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." Well, how do they grow? By taking in all the sunshine and dew and rain that come their way every day. No one ever knew a lily of the field to "lay off" a day, or neither do they spin." Of course they don't. If they did they woundn't be lilies, and that's what they were made for. There is a lesson of individuality in it, too, as well as of industry-of being as well as doing. Another trite saying that causes many to be shift-

waits." Yes, but no waiter you ever saw at a crowded railroad restaurant just before train time has any more occasion for "getting a move" than the individual who waits for success. Every moment of waiting must be filled with work. "The world owes every man a living," is another misleading statement in its common acceptance. It is true, but a man must

less is, "All things come to him who

collecting agency before the debt is absolved.

AN "AMERICAN DUEL."

The Terrible Affair That Took Piece at

Heidelberg.

transform himself into a mighty busy

During my residence in Heidelberg a lamentable and terrible affair took place that threw a profound gloom over the university and the entire town, says Science. Two German students, having quarreled, decided the earth was not large enough for both of them to live in, and resorted to the diabolical practice call the "American young men drew lots, having sworn commit suicide. The unhappy loser went to his room and discharged a

bullet into his breast, but missed his heart and lingered for several days on carbine could be used as a walking his deathbed; his parents were summoned by telegraph and besought him on their knees to disclose the name of his antagonist, but he steadfastly refused, and died with the secret in his breast. The students not only excused his conduct, but praised his courage. and when his remains were taken to the railway station to be transported to a distant city, they accompanied the funeral cortege with torches and music The students claimed he was not a suicide, for he was killed in an honorable duel, and they maintained that his opponent was not accessory to his death, because he shot himself; I had many arguments with them, and never could convince them of their extraordinary tergiversation.

> Uncle Sam's Laundry Bill. Uncle Sam's laundry bill costs many thousands of dollars each year, although it is all done under contract screwed down to the lowest figure. Most of the towels are manufactured on purpose, too, at an exceedingly cheap price. They are red-bordered, and have the letters "U. S." in the center of each. A large supply is kept

> on hand in a fair-sized warehouse. The treasury department alone has 7,000 towels, and uses over 2,000 every day. The interior department uses 650, and the pension office 500 a day. Then there are the post office department, the great state, war and navy departments, the library, the agricultural department, the printing bureau, the patent office, the bureaus of education, of labor, of Indian affairs, the census, the geological survey and many others, soiling thousands upon thousands of towels every day.

Lamps are not so detrimental to house plants as gas.

"Deeds Are Better Than Words."

What does Hood's Sarsaparilla do? The answer comes full - throated from a gigantic chorus of healthy men and happy women. "It does just what it claims to do." It purifies the blood as nothing else can. The number of those who answer thus is legion and their sentiment is unanimous.

Kidney Trouble - "Grip left me with severe pains in my back and kidneys. Could not walk without support. I began taking Hood's Sorsaparilla and was soon relieved. Am also cured of catarrh and indigestion." W. A. Reed. 17 Moury Avenue, East Providence, R. L.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

The Relation of Schools to Crime. The Pedagogical society of Prussia has been collecting statistics bearing on the often-discussed question of the effect of education on the prevalence of crime. From these statistics it anpears that in the eastern provinces of Prussia, where attendance at school is not vigorously enforced, the annual number of crimes committed bears a much larger proportion to the population than in the western provinces. In the eastern provinces, from fourteen to nineteen ordinary criminal offenses occur yearly for each 1,000 inhabitants; in the western, only 7.5 to 10 per 1.000. A similar difference is shown in offenses against church and state and public order. Even in the east the number of crimes has been steadily

lic schools were established.

falling off since 1890, when many pub-

The spacious public square of Cairo, Egypt, is called the Esbekeeyah. It contains nearly half a million square feet, and is surrounded by the principal hotels and prominent buildings of the city. In order to prevent its inundation by the rise of the Nile, a canal was built arou: I it, but this has become filled in. A portion of the square is now used as a public garden. and there are theaters, cafes, and other places of amusement on it that make it easily the center of life of the

Ostrich Eggs in an Incubator.

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